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IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION

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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SENSING AN OBJECT OR A PERSON IN THE  
INTERIOR OF A VEHICLE AND VEHICLE OCCUPANT PROTECTION  
APPARATUS IN A VEHICLE WITH SUCH A DEVICE

described and claimed in the specification bearing that title, that I understand the content of the specification, that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve month prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.56a, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate of this invention has been filed earlier than the following in any country foreign to the United States prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns:

European Application No. 99 103 697.1, filed February 25, 1999, the International Priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119; and International Application No. PCT/EP00/01601, filed February 25, 2000, the Priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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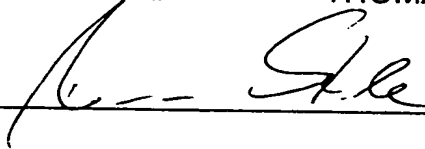
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